



THE LAWN, LINCOLN

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In view of the economic situation which presses with especial severity upon the educated classes of limited means, it has been decided by the Governors of this Registered Hospital for mental and nervous diseases to offer a limited number of vacancies at rates below the cost of treatment (£4/4/0 per week) to private patients coming from outside Lincolnshire.

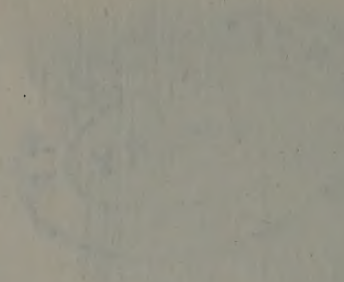
A separate ward with a vita-glass verandah for open-air treatment is provided for ladies suffering from neuroses and border-line conditions, who may benefit by individual psychotherapy.

Other vacancies are available for those of both sexes who can appreciate home-like surroundings and do not require constant observation or special nursing.

Enquiries should be sent to the Medical Superintendent.

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Registered Hospital for Mental and Nervous Diseases.

Objects of the Hospital.

The Lawn was founded in 1819 by voluntary subscriptions, and its object is to provide accommodation for men and women of the educated classes having only moderate means, who would appreciate comforts approximating to their home surroundings, and the individual attention that is possible only where numbers are limited. Its aim has always been to supply the best conditions possible at a charge which merely covers the actual cost of treatment, and to help those unable to pay even this by supplementing from its charitable funds what they can themselves contribute. Such grants in aid are given in preference to residents of Lincolnshire.

The Institution is a Registered Hospital, not a private speculation. It is conducted by a Board of Governors, whose whole aim is to promote the comfort, well-being and enlightened treatment of the Patients, and who have no pecuniary interest in its prosperity. Any surplus funds are utilised either in charitable grants or in improving the amenities of the Hospital. A Meeting of the Governors is held at the Hospital on the last Wednesday in each month at 12 o'clock noon.

The Hospital stands in extensive grounds on the southern slope of the hill-top near the Cathedral and Castle, combining the advantages of country and town : fresh air, sunshine and a free outlook over a wide expanse of country, with easy access to the City and its opportunities for social contacts. It is the only Institution in the County where Voluntary ~~Boarders~~ and Private Patients are received.

Nervous and Mental Disorders, like other forms of ill-health, are most likely to yield to treatment if this is obtained early, and as far as possible at a stage when the patient is co-operative and desirous of cure. Any patient who wishes for treatment in the hospital can be admitted without any formality beyond signing a statement to that effect, and may leave after giving 72 hours notice of such intention. Patients incapable of volition or of appreciating that they need treatment must be certified as private patients, and the responsible relative who acts as petitioner has the right to discharge them at any time.

Full particulars and forms which must be completed before admission may be obtained from the Resident Medical Superintendent, to whom all correspondence must be addressed. It is very desirable that when enquiries are made they should be accompanied by a report from the patient's medical attendant, to avoid delay in deciding whether a suitable vacancy is available for the particular requirements of the case.

Rules about Visiting, Correspondence, etc.

All correspondence about patients must be addressed to the Medical Superintendent, not to individual members of the staff.

Voluntary Patients receive and send letters without any supervision.

Certified patients may send letters unopened to the Petitioner and to certain official persons set forth in a notice accessible to them, but other letters may be forwarded only at the discretion of the Medical Superintendent.

Parcels sent to patients must not contain knives, scissors, matches, or anything that might be a source of danger.

Visiting.

In most cases, visits are not allowed until at least a fortnight after admission, after that time they will be allowed except when the Medical Superintendent deems it prejudicial to the patient. It should be remembered that in many cases of mental and nervous disorder the relatives and friends often evoke emotional reactions which may be harmful or distressing to the patient or recall the environment and circumstances in which a breakdown has occurred, so that visits may hinder progress. The opinion of the petitioner or responsible relative as to the advisability of visits from other individuals will be taken into consideration in deciding whether visitors shall see any patient.

VISITING HOURS are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. On Sundays or at other hours visits are permitted only if arranged by previous appointment. No visitors are allowed on Christmas Day or Good Friday. During the visiting hours a medical officer can always be interviewed if the visitor so wishes, or at other times by appointment.

Visitors must not give anything to the patient without the permission of the Medical Officer; articles which might be used for self-injury must not be taken into the wards or visiting rooms.

Visitors must not take out of the Hospital any letters or parcels from patients to be posted or otherwise transmitted, unless the Medical Superintendent gives special permission in each case.

The patient's usual medical attendant may visit at any time if the relatives so desire, and discuss the case with the Medical Superintendent.

Rules against Gratuities.

No officer or person whatsoever employed by this Institution shall give to, or receive from any Tradesman, Servant, Patient, Stranger, or other person whatsoever, any fee, reward, gratuity, or present, directly or indirectly for anything done, or to be done, on account of the Institution on pain of expulsion.

Admission.

After it has been ascertained that a suitable vacancy is available, a patient can be admitted either as a Voluntary ~~Boarder~~ or as a Private Patient on a Reception Order ; in cases of extreme urgency, where the Reception Order cannot be obtained immediately, an Urgency Order may authorise admission for seven days or pending completion of the Reception Order.

In all cases a relative or friend must undertake in writing to be responsible for the removal of the patient if requested and for expenses the Hospital has been authorised to incur on behalf of the patient. This relative must keep the Medical Superintendent notified of any change of address, and be available when called upon to make any arrangements for the patient, or appoint a representative should he cease to be available.

Voluntary Patients are required to sign before admission a statement that they wish to enter the hospital for treatment, and must understand that they are at liberty to leave at any time after giving the Medical Superintendent 72 hours notice in writing that they wish to do so. The relative responsible will then be notified. This statement is usually signed at the hospital, but in special cases it may be sent to be signed in the presence of the patient's usual medical attendant, who must witness the signature and certify that the patient understood its purport, and signed it voluntarily.

In the case of a **Certified Patient** the following forms must be completed before admission, and can be obtained from the Medical Superintendent.

- I. STATEMENT AND PETITION. A responsible person, over 21 years old and if possible the relative *who has seen the Patient within 14 days before the presentation of the Petition* must complete and sign a *statement of particulars* about the patient and a *petition* to a judicial authority asking for an order to be made authorising the patient's admission to the hospital.
- II. TWO MEDICAL CERTIFICATES on separate sheets, signed by two Medical Practitioners, who must have examined the Patient separately *not more than seven clear days* previously to the presentation of the Petition. (One of the Certificates should, if possible, be signed by the usual Medical Attendant ; if not possible, the reason must be stated in the Petition.)
- III. ORDER FOR RECEPTION. The Petition, accompanied by the Statement and Certificates, must be placed before a County Court Judge or Stipendiary Magistrate, or by a Justice of the Peace specially appointed, who then, if he thinks fit with or without seeing the patient, will sign the form of Order for the Reception of the patient. Admission can take place only within *seven clear days after the date on which the Reception Order was signed*.

In cases of extreme urgency a Patient can be received on an Urgency Order, signed by a relative, if possible, and accompanied by a Certificate signed by a Medical Practitioner, both of whom must have seen the patient *within two clear days*; the patient can then be detained for seven days while the usual Reception Order is being completed.

“Chancery Patients” can be received upon an order of the Committee of the person, with an office copy of the order appointing such Committee. Voluntary Patients or Boarders can also be received provided they are not certifiable.

The *Transfer* of a patient from another Institution to this Hospital requires an Order from the Commissioners of the Board of Control, Caxton House West, Tothill Street, London, S.W.1., and this may be obtained by the Petitioner or other responsible person, who should first consult the present medical attendant of the patient as to the advisability of transfer and the necessary procedure.

Where any difficulty occurs in conducting patients to the Hospital the Medical Superintendent may send two nurses for the purpose; all expenses and a fee according to the time required, being paid by the patient's representatives. In such cases the Urgency or Reception Order should be sent in advance, or preferably brought by the Petitioner, who can then give the history of the case and learn whether the documents are in order, as otherwise the patient could not be admitted.

Discharge of Private Patients.

On the *recovery* of a patient notice thereof will be sent to the Petitioner or responsible relative, and the patient will be discharged within seven days from the date of such notice if not previously removed.

Should the petitioner be dead or incapable of exercising these rights the nearest of kin or the person who made the last payment may do so.

The Petitioner has the right to authorise the discharge of a patient, whether recovered or not, by giving directions in writing to that effect, except in cases where the Medical Superintendent certifies that the patient is dangerous and unfit to be at large, when the consent of the Commissioners is necessary.

ABSENCE ON LEAVE on trial may be granted by the authority of two Governors on the recommendation of the Medical Superintendent and with the approval of the Petitioner; if the patient does not return at the end of the period for which leave is granted a medical certificate stating that detention in the hospital is no longer necessary must be sent.

Payments.

The usual charge for board, lodging, medical attendance, and ordinary nursing care is from £5.5s.0p ^{for the first three months after £4-16-0 upwards} per week upwards according to the requirements of the case. On admission a deposit in advance is required to cover this charge to the end of the current quarter and for six weeks beyond. The payment in advance for maintenance is renewed quarterly. A charge of £2 2s. per quarter in addition is made for laundry.

Extra fees are charged by agreement for private sitting-rooms, special attendance, nursing, etc.

Arrangements for admission at a weekly rate lower than this are made only under special circumstances, which must be submitted by the friends of the patient to the Board of Governors, with a full confidential statement of the circumstances. The Governors may then at their discretion make a grant in aid to supplement the amount which can be paid on behalf of the patient. Such grants from the charitable funds of the hospital are given in preference to residents of Lincolnshire.

A statement is sent by the Chairman after the first monthly meeting of the Board of Governors following the admission of a patient, setting forth the rate agreed upon by the Governors and the state of the account, after which the usual quarterly statement will be sent. Where the patient on or after admission is found to require special individual nursing attention in addition to that ordinarily provided, the responsible relative will be notified that an extra charge for this is found necessary, and will be asked to authorise this or remove the patient. Such charge will be made only for the periods during which the special nursing is required.

The responsible relative is also requested to authorise such expenditure as may be desired for the patient on drives, amusements outside the hospital, wines and spirits, tobacco, and other incidentals. It is requested that pocket money should not be sent or given to the patient, but merely an authority to the Medical Superintendent to advance such sums as it is desired for the patient to have to spend.

A sufficient supply of clothing suitable to the patient's needs and position must be sent with the patient and marked with the full name. When this supply requires to be renewed, a list of requirements will be sent to the responsible relative, who must provide what is needed or authorise its purchase on behalf of the patient. In the latter case the expenditure incurred will be charged in the account, and if no authorisation is given what is necessary will be purchased and so charged and the person responsible for payments will be liable for the amount expended.

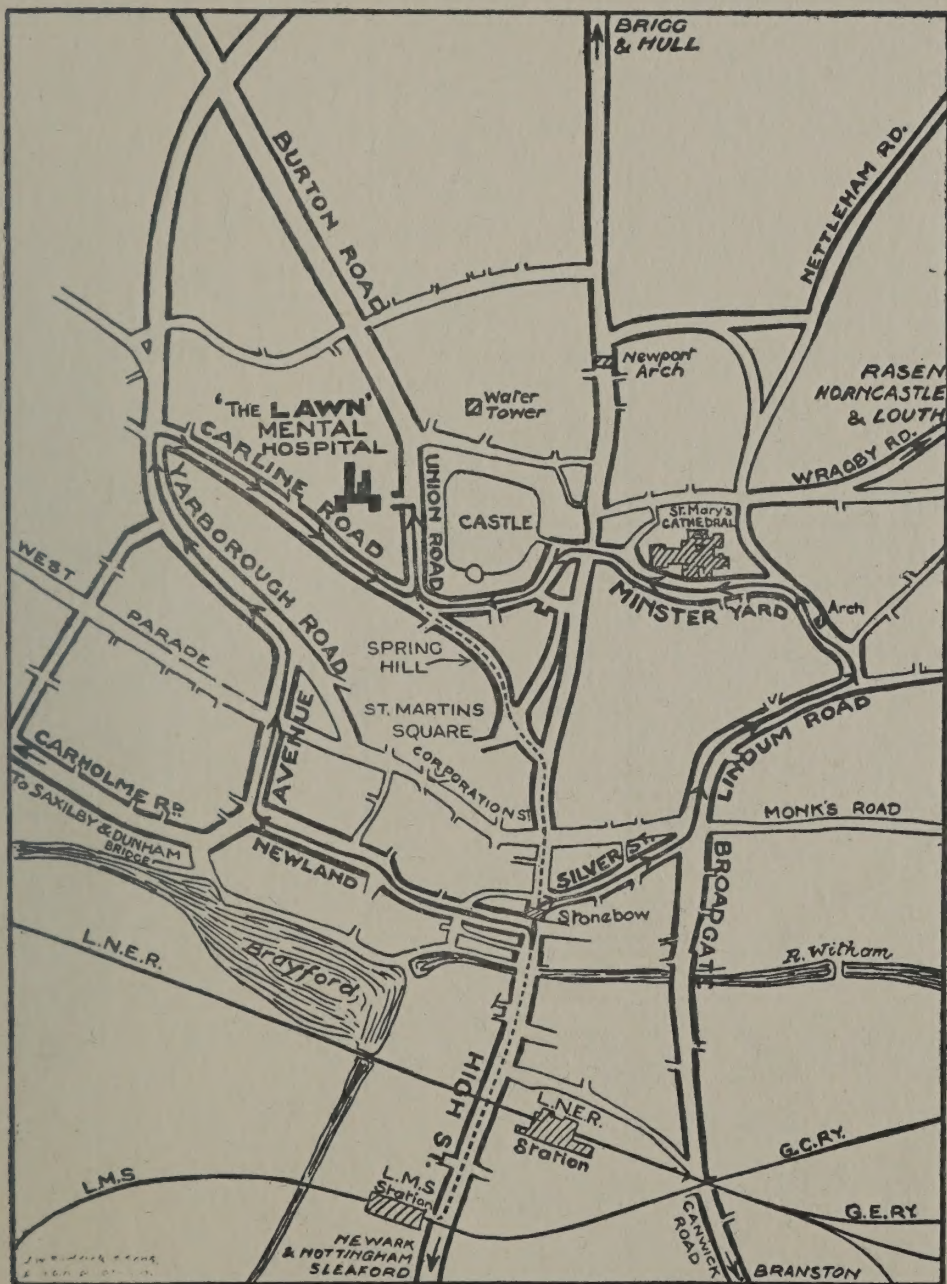
The friends of patients may call in any of the regular faculty in consultation with the Medical Superintendent. In case of Medical or Surgical difficulty, or severe illness, or at the request of friends of patients, the Medical Superintendent may call in the assistance of any Physician or Surgeon for consultation and report the same to the next Board, and if professional assistance be called in under such circumstances the expense shall be charged to the patient's account unless otherwise determined by such Board.

A *fortnight's notice*, or payment in lieu thereof, is required on the removal of a patient, unless the Governors shall direct otherwise. On the removal or death of a patient the amount due to the hospital is deducted from the moneys in hand and the surplus returned, except in cases where removal takes place within three months of admission, contrary to the advice of the Medical Superintendent.

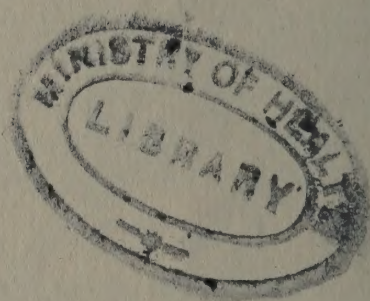
Should the relatives fail to make the payments at the proper times after the account has been presented, and continue to default after the deposit in advance has been exhausted, the patient may be deemed a pauper and the Medical Superintendent may apply to a judicial authority to order his removal to a public institution, after notifying the petitioner of such intention.

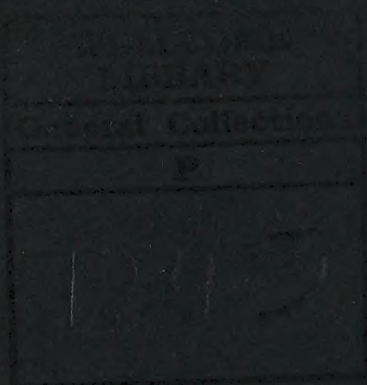
During *leave of absence* for more than one week the usual maintenance charge may be suspended or reduced at the discretion of the Governors.

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